

Prop 25 will NOT make it easier to raise taxes. This is a false, desperate argument by people who want to keep things the same in Sacramento. Nor does it take away your right to vote.

Prop 25 isn't about taxes. It's about holding legislators accountable and ending California's yearly budget crisis.

California's Attorney General and the state's non-partisan Legislative Analyst have officially stated that Prop 25 does NOT lessen the vote required to raise taxes. In fact, Prop 25 specifically says, "This measure WILL NOT CHANGE the two-thirds vote requirement for the Legislature to raise taxes."

Prop 25 will make the Legislature work better, where chronically late budgets now punish schools and hurt vital services, damage our economy and cost taxpayers over \$50 million every day the budget is late.

Prop 25 helps fix the problem in two ways.

First, it prevents legislators from collecting pay and benefits every day they fail to pass an on-time budget — money they can't recover when they do pass the budget. Prop 25 holds legislators accountable when they fail to do their jobs.

Second, Prop 25 allows a majority of legislators to approve the budget — just like 47 other states. No longer can a handful of legislators hold the budget hostage, forcing last-minute deals that hurt taxpayers AND democracy.

If you agree it's time for legislators to do their jobs by passing the budget on time, vote "YES" on Prop 25. With California in crisis, we need a Legislature that works.

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